Head Constables in the Police Department.

91. *MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Head Constables in the Police Department ; and

(*b*) the number of Ezhava Head Constables in the Department?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) :

(*a*) 202.

(*b*) 4.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether the Commissioner of Police has received a petition from an Ezhava first grade Constable of 18 years' service who has been recommended for a promotion by all the Inspectors, A. S. Ps. and D. S. Ps., to the effect that his claims were overlooked in the matter of promotion, to a Head Constable's post when a vacancy arose ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : A point of order, Sir. Does that question arise ?

PRESIDENT : I suppose that the member complains that a proper promotion was not given. Is that not your purpose, Mr. Krishna Pillai ?

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) ; Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT : Was he an Ezhava constable ?

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT : Are you aware of what the member complains of, Mr. Aiyangar ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Petitions are received from constables and it is impossible to remember particularly any one of them.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : I have myself represented to the Commissioner about the fact, Sir.

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : I have had the honour of getting a representation from the Honourable member's hands and I will consider it.

Appointment of Librarian in the Training College.

92. *MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many applicants there were for the post of the Librarian in the Training College which fell vacant recently ;

(*b*) who they were ;

(*c*) who was selected for the post ; and

(*d*) what were his special qualifications ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Six.

(*b*) K. G. Sankara Pillai, B. A., L. T.
N. Appathura Iyer, B. A.
R. Veerabhadran B. A.
K. Veloo Kurup B. A.
V. T. Velu Pillai, B. A.
K. N. Vasudevan Unni, B. A.

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[Mr. R. M. Statham.]

(*c*) A permanent clerk in the department was promoted,

(*d*) He is a permanent clerk in the department and a graduate who has passed the Account Test Examination.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): With regard to answer (*c*) may I know from Government the name of the permanent clerk who was promoted?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): N. Appathura Iyer.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Does he belong to the less represented community in the English branch of the Education Department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): He was not in the English branch of the Education Department, but he certainly does not belong to the less represented community. He is a permanent clerk in the department.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Was there any other application from a person who has experience in library work?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There was an applicant by name V. T. Velu Pillai who had undergone a few weeks training as a Librarian in the Connemara Library in Madras.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Is he not better qualified for a Librarian's post than a person who has passed the Account Test Examination?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. Velu Pillai will only be a fresh recruit if he is appointed and he will have no experience in the departmental duties. He had had only a few weeks experience in library work.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Was he not once employed in the Industries Department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): He might have been there in the Textile Section of the department. But he has no experidnce in my department.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Had he not some experience in the library work in Madras?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I don't consider spending a few weeks in the Connemara Library in Madras as a sufficient qualification for this post.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Has he got a certificate of proficiency?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): He has, I believe. But I promoted a man who has had sufficient experience in the department and who I thought would be fit for the job.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Who was appointed in the vacancy created by the promoted man?

PRESIDENT: The question does not arise when we are talking of only one appointment.

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MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*) : When a permanent man was promoted I suspected that the vacancy was created to give an appointment to a particular man whom the Director had in view.

PRESIDENT : You may keep the suspicion to yourself. Keep yourself to one particular appointment and do not wander into the whole field of appointments talking about auxilliary appointments.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*) : Which is the better qualification, Account Test or L. T.?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : For the Librarian's post in the Training College we want an experienced clerk.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Who was the appointing officer in this case?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The Principal of the Training College.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there was a convert Christian belonging to the Depressed Classes community who has had some experience in the Madras University Library as an applicant?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : There was such an applicant but his application was received later. But the Principal gave him an interview and promised him another job but he was not willing to accept that. Evidently, he had been seeking for some bigger job elsewhere. But he also brought forward certain conditions if he was to accept the appointment.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether those conditions stated by the applicant are on record?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, they are on record.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether the Principal of the Training College informed the other applicants that their applications were rejected because the appointment was to be given to a permanent man?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Not to all. Only to those persons who went and saw the Principal and the Director of Public Instruction.

PRESIDENT : Have you to tell every candidate what you are going to do?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : No, Sir.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE LUNACY BILL.—(*contd.*)

PRESIDENT : The House will now resume discussion on the Travancore Lunacy Bill. Well, last evening we adjourned while we were discussing amendments to item No. (9), clause 42,

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